

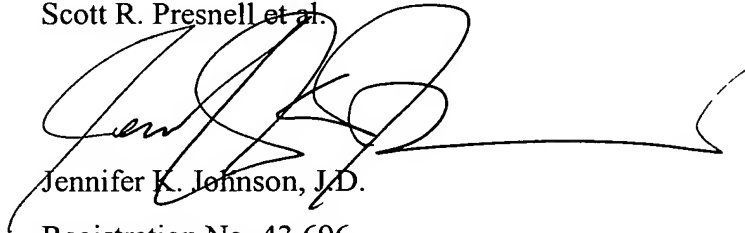
REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 17-18 and 41-51 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-16, 19-40 and 52-67 have been withdrawn from consideration. Non-elected claims 6-16, 19-40 and 52-67 were cancelled. Moreover, claims 4-5, and 41-44 were canceled in order to pursue certain embodiments of the invention pursuant to business interests. Claim 2 was amended to rewrite the claim in independent format. Claims 3 and 17 were amended to provide dependency on claim 2 rather than claim 1 or 3 respectively. Claims 1, 2, 3, and 45 were further amended to conform to the species election pursuant to the Restriction Election mailed October 27 2003 and to provide claims commensurate with the scope of the invention. Claims 46-48, 50-51 were amended to correct a technical error and provide proper dependent claim format. Claim 48 was further amended to provide a claim commensurate with the scope of the invention. Claims 68-74 were added. Claims 68 and 69 depend from claim 17, and claims 70 and 74 depend from claim 49, and encompass embodiments of the inventive polypeptides further comprising tags, labels, and the like as well as activity of the inventive polypeptides. Independent claim 71, and dependent claims 72 and 73 are drawn to receptor complexes within the scope of the invention. Support for the amendments and new claims is provided throughout the specification including original claims and SEQ ID NO:48, and page 97, lines 24-29. The instant claims are drawn to zcytor16 polypeptides and related inventions. No new matter was added by these amendments.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Patent Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6676.

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